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Report

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Dear Interested Party:

State law requires that physicians, hospitals, and ambulatory surgical centers report abortions to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). The Women's-Right-to-Know Act requires physicians, who perform abortions, to report to KDHE the number of certifications received. This report is a preliminary analysis of these data, collected by the KDHE Center for Health and Environmental Statistics.

In-state collection of 2004 abortion reports is complete. Other states have submitted information on 70 abortions performed on Kansas residents. Since other states may not collect information on all of the questions asked by Kansas, those answers are totaled as "not stated" with a footnote explanation. Because other states' data may continue to arrive, the *Kansas Annual Summary of Vital Statistics, 2004*, will contain the final abortion data analysis.

This report also contains information the law requires providers to report regarding abortions performed at 22 weeks or greater and partial birth procedures. No partial birth procedures were reported in 2004, the fifth year in a row that none were reported. Detailed information about one abortion – performed at 22 weeks or greater to a Kansas resident in another state – is not available as that state does not collect the information.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you have.

Sincerely,

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Selected Induced Abortion Statistics Kansas, 2004		
Selected Statistics *	Number	Percent
Total* induced abortions reported	11,427	100.0
Total ** physician certifications reported	11,400	100.0
<u>Residence of Patient:</u>		
Number of in-state residents	5,952	52.1
Number of out-of-state residents	5,475	47.9
Not Stated	0	n.a.
Total Reported	11,427	100.0
<u>Age Group of Patient:</u>		
Under 15 years	79	0.7
15-19 years	1,942	17.0
20-24 years	3,941	34.5
25-29 years	2,630	23.0
30-34 years	1,621	14.2
35-39 years	873	7.6
40-44 years	321	2.8
45 years and over	20	0.2
Not Stated	0	n.a.
Total Reported	11,427	100.0
<u>Race of Patient:</u>		
White	8,124	71.2
Black	2,636	23.1
Native American	148	1.3
Chinese	68	0.6
Japanese	15	0.1
Hawaiian	5	0.1
Filipino	17	0.2
Other Asian or Pacific Islander	356	3.1
Other Nonwhite	38	0.3
Not Stated <sup>1</sup>	20	n.a.
Total Reported	11,427	100.0

\* Not stated values excluded when calculating percentages

\* All reported, includes 70 Kansas resident abortions that occurred out-of-state.

This total is subject to change as other states submit information on Kansas resident abortions in their state.

\*\* Occurrence data

<sup>1</sup> Patient(s) refused to provide information

Selected Induced Abortion Statistics Kansas, 2004		
Selected Statistics	Number	Percent
<u>Hispanic Origin of Patient</u> <sup>1</sup>		
Hispanic	1,049	9.2
Non-hispanic	10,378	90.8
Total Reported	11,427	100.0
<u>Marital Status of Patient:</u>		
Married	2,241	19.6
Unmarried	9,166	80.4
Not Stated <sup>2</sup>	20	n.a.
Total Reported	11,427	100.0
<u>Weeks Gestation:</u>		
Less than 9 weeks	6,910	60.5
9-12 weeks	2,638	23.1
13-16 weeks	850	7.4
17-21 weeks	511	4.5
22 weeks & over	518	4.5
Not Stated	0	n.a.
Total Reported	11,427	100.0
<u>Method of Abortion:</u>		
Suction curettage	9,082	79.5
Sharp curettage	9	0.1
Dilation & Evacuation	930	8.1
Medical Procedure I	664	5.8
Medical Procedure II	234	2.1
Intra-uterine prosta-glandin instillation	3	0.0
Hysterotomy	1	0.0
Hysterectomy	0	0.0
Digoxin/Induction	502	4.4
"Partial Birth" Procedure <sup>4</sup>	0	0.0
Other <sup>3</sup>	1	0.0
Not Stated <sup>3</sup>	1	n.a.
Total Reported	11,427	100.0

<sup>1</sup> Hispanic origin may be of any race.

<sup>2</sup> Patient(s) refused to provide information.

<sup>3</sup> Information not collected by other states.

<sup>4</sup> No Partial Birth procedures have been performed in Kansas since October 1999.

Selected Induced Abortion Statistics Kansas, 2004		
Selected Statistics	Number	Percent
<u>Number of Previous Pregnancies:</u>		
None	3,293	28.8
One	2,290	20.0
Two	2,078	18.2
Three	1,602	14.0
Four	982	8.6
Five	560	4.9
Six	291	2.6
Seven or more	331	2.9
Not Stated	0	n.a.
Total Reported	11,427	100.0
<u>Number of Living Children:</u>		
None	4,649	40.7
One	3,042	26.6
Two	2,275	19.9
Three	1,018	8.9
Four	301	2.7
Five or more	141	1.2
Not Stated <sup>1</sup>	1	n.a.
Total Reported	11,427	100.0
<u>Number of Previous Spontaneous Terminations:</u>		
None	9,551	83.6
One	1,476	12.9
Two	284	2.5
Three	76	0.7
Four or more	40	0.3
Not Stated	0	n.a.
Total Reported	11,427	100.0
<u>Previous Induced Abortions:</u>		
None	7,005	61.3
One	2,797	24.5
Two	1,012	8.8
Three	387	3.4
Four or more	226	2.0
Not Stated	0	n.a.
Total Reported	11,427	100.0

<sup>1</sup> Patient(s) refused to provide information

Reported Abortions by Place of Residence Kansas, 1971-2004				
Year	Total	Out of State Residents	Kansas Residents	N.S.
1971.....	9,472	5,763	3,709	0
1972.....	12,248	7,736	4,512	0
1973.....	12,612	7,695	4,917	0
1974.....	10,171	4,503	5,657	11
1975.....	9,160	3,565	5,581	14
1976.....	9,154	3,455	5,686	13
1977.....	7,965	2,918	5,045	2
1978.....	9,740	3,957	5,722	61
1979.....	12,335	5,042	7,281	12
1980.....	11,791	4,750	7,038	3
1981.....	10,448	4,150	6,291	7
1982.....	9,976	3,823	6,153	0
1983.....	8,547	3,218	5,329	0
1984.....	8,008	2,689	5,319	0
1985.....	7,092	2,447	4,645	0
1986.....	6,561	2,316	4,245	0
1987.....	6,409	2,357	4,052	0
1988.....	7,930	3,161	4,769	0
1989.....	8,984 *	3,270	4,149	1,565 ***
1990.....	9,459 *	3,341	4,175	1,943 ***
1991.....	10,141 *	4,071	6,070	0
1992.....	11,135 *	4,904	6,231	0
1993.....	11,247	4,853	6,394	0
1994.....	10,847	4,245	6,596	6
1995.....	11,149 **	4,562	6,566	21
1996.....	11,181	4,367	6,806	8
1997.....	11,507	4,973	6,532	2
1998.....	11,624	5,184	6,440	0
1999.....	12,445	6,029	6,416	0
2000.....	12,327	5,971	6,356	0
2001.....	12,422	6,003	6,419	0
2002.....	11,844	5,546	6,298	0
2003.....	11,697	5,534	6,163	0
2004.....	11,427	5,475	5,952	0

\* The increase in the 1989-1992 figures may not reflect an increase in the number of abortions being performed but rather an increase in the number of providers voluntarily reporting data.

\*\* As of July 1, 1995, reporting became mandatory for every medical care facility and every person licensed to practice medicine and surgery.

\*\*\* Residency data was not available for all abortions in 1989-1990. However, due to improved reporting, residency was obtained for most of the abortions reported in subsequent years.

#### Corrected 2004 Kansas Residence & Out-of-State Resident Totals

Source: KDHE Center for Health and Environmental Statistics, Office of Health Care Information

**Induced Abortions  
By County of Residence of Patient  
Kansas, 2004**

County	Total	County	Total	County	Total
Kansas Residents	5,952				
Allen	14	Greeley	0	Osborne	0
Anderson	5	Greenwood	4	Ottawa	7
Atchison	24	Hamilton	1	Pawnee	5
Barber	7	Harper	4	Phillips	2
Barton	32	Harvey	34	Pottawatomie	12
Bourbon	13	Haskell	5	Pratt	10
Brown	17	Hodgeman	2	Rawlins	0
Butler	85	Jackson	11	Reno	103
Chase	4	Jefferson	21	Republic	0
Chautauqua	4	Jewell	0	Rice	7
Cherokee	19	Johnson	1,376	Riley	158
Cheyenne	1	Kearny	3	Rooks	5
Clark	1	Kingman	7	Rush	2
Clay	5	Kiowa	4	Russell	4
Cloud	8	Labette	20	Saline	92
Coffey	12	Lane	1	Scott	6
Comanche	3	Leavenworth	125	Sedgwick	1,249
Cowley	43	Lincoln	0	Seward	32
Crawford	71	Linn	5	Shawnee	417
Decatur	0	Logan	5	Sheridan	0
Dickinson	25	Lyon	68	Sherman	3
Doniphan	5	Marion	7	Smith	2
Douglas	393	Marshall	7	Stafford	3
Edwards	0	McPherson	15	Stanton	2
Elk	4	Meade	2	Stevens	11
Ellis	34	Miami	51	Sumner	38
Ellsworth	5	Mitchell	6	Thomas	4
Finney	60	Montgomery	42	Trego	1
Ford	65	Morris	3	Wabaunsee	6
Franklin	47	Morton	2	Wallace	0
Geary	135	Nemaha	6	Washington	1
Gove	1	Neosho	14	Wichita	2
Graham	1	Ness	4	Wilson	6
Grant	6	Norton	1	Woodson	8
Gray	2	Osage	19	Wyandotte	723
				Unknown <sup>1</sup>	5

<sup>1</sup> County of residence information not collected by some states that provide data on abortions to Kansas residents occurring in those states.



<b>Induced Abortions</b> <b>State of Residence of Patient</b> <b>Kansas, 2004</b>			
State	Total	State	Total
Out-of-state residents	5,475		
Alabama	2	Nebraska	24
Alaska	2	Nevada	1
Arizona	6	New Hampshire	2
Arkansas	19	New Jersey	22
California	14	New Mexico	5
Colorado	23	New York	31
Connecticut	6	North Carolina	4
Delaware	1	North Dakota	3
District of Columbia	0	Ohio	13
Florida	20	Oklahoma	268
Georgia	6	Oregon	2
Hawaii	1	Pennsylvania	12
Idaho	1	Rhode Island	1
Illinois	42	South Carolina	2
Indiana	7	South Dakota	6
Iowa	15	Tennessee	7
Kentucky	5	Texas	141
Louisiana	10	Utah	0
Maine	0	Vermont	1
Maryland	11	Virginia	13
Massachusetts	8	Washington	3
Michigan	12	West Virginia	2
Minnesota	33	Wisconsin	16
Mississippi	1	Wyoming	2
Missouri	4,590	Puerto Rico	2
Montana	3	Canada	44
		All other Countries	10

Source: KDHE Center for Health and Environmental Statistics, Office of Health Care Information

## Abortions Performed at 22 Weeks or More Statistics

Physicians reporting abortions performed at 22 weeks or more were required to fill out three numbered questions on the back of the VS-213 form. The questions and answers are provided below for Kansas and out-of-state residents. Data represent reported abortions for the past calendar year. A sample VS-213 form is contained in the appendices.

### 14) Reasons for determining gestational age 22 weeks or more

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
Sonogram	0	0	0
Physical examination	0	0	0
Physical examination, sonogram results and last menstrual period (if known).	33	460	493
Based on sonogram and biparietal diameter (BPD), determined gestational age to be 22 weeks.	5	17	22
Last menstrual period, sonogram, and perinatal consultation	0	0	0
Estimated date of delivery/confinement and ultrasound	0	2	2
Sonogram and Last Menses	0	0	0
Followup Visit	0	0	0
Not Stated <sup>1</sup>	1	0	1
Total	39	479	518

### 15a) Was the fetus viable?

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
Yes	8	287	295
No	30	192	222
Not Stated <sup>1</sup>	1	0	1
Total	39	479	518

### 15b) Reasons for determination of fetus viability

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
It is the professional judgement of the attending physician that there is a reasonable probability that this pregnancy may be viable.	8	286	294
It is the professional judgement of the attending physician that there is a reasonable probability that this pregnancy is not viable.	25	175	200
No reasonable probability at this gestational age.	5	17	22
Ultrasound - Extreme immaturity of heart and lungs	0	0	0
Hypoplastic Left Heart, Chromosome abnormality	0	1	1
0 Apgar score; mother had severe oligohydramnios; fetus had poly/multicystic kidney disease	0	0	0

## Abortions Performed at 22 Weeks or More Statistics (continued)

### 15b) Reasons for determination of fetus viability (continued)

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
Diagnosis by genetic specialist with no amniotic fluid and other abnormalities	0	0	0
Extreme Immaturity of Organs	0	0	0
Anencephaly	0	0	0
Hypoplastic L Heart determined by Level 2 ULS and perinatology consultation	0	0	0
Trisomy 22 Hydrocephaly	0	0	0
Not Stated <sup>1</sup>	1	0	1
Total	39	479	518

### 16a) If 15a was yes, was this abortion necessary to:

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
Prevent patient's death	0	0	0
Prevent substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function	8	287	295
Total	8	287	295

### 16b) If 15a was yes, reasons for determination in 16a:

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
The patient would suffer substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function if she were forced to continue the pregnancy.	8	287	295
Total	8	287	295

### 16c) If 15a was yes, basis for determination in 16a:

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
Gestational and diagnostic information provided by the referring physician and other health care professional(s) as well as examination and interview of the patient by attending physician.	8	287	295
The patient is suffering a medical emergency. Based on examination and interview of the patient by the attending physician, the physician judges that the abortion is necessary to prevent substantial and permanent damage to a major bodily function.	0	0	0
Total	8	287	295

<sup>1</sup> Data for one Kansas resident who received an abortion out of state at 22 weeks or greater was unavailable as that state did not collect such information

All Reported Data

## "Partial Birth" Procedure Statistics

Physicians reporting "partial birth" abortions were required to fill out three numbered questions on the back of the VS-213 form. Those questions and the answers are provided below for Kansas and out-of-state residents. The questions would be in addition to those filled out if gestation was 22 weeks or more. All data are occurrence. The data represent a full year of reporting. A sample VS-213 form is in the appendices. No "partial birth" abortions were reported in 2004 in Kansas.

Number of "partial birth" procedures

Time Period	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
January 1 - March 31	0	0	0
April 1 - June 30	0	0	0
July 1 - September 30	0	0	0
October 1 - December 31	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

17a) For terminations where "partial birth" procedure was performed, was fetus viable?

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
Yes	0	0	0
No	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

17b) Reasons for determination of fetus viability

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
It is the professional judgement of the attending physician that there is a reasonable probability that this pregnancy is not viable.	0	0	0
It is the professional judgement of the attending physician that there is a reasonable probability that this pregnancy may be viable.	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

## "Partial Birth" Procedure Statistics (continued)

18a) Was this abortion necessary to:

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
Prevent patient's death	0	0	0
Prevent substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

18a) If the abortion was necessary to prevent substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function, was the impairment:

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
Physical	0	0	0
Mental	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

18b) Reasons for Determination of 18a

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
Based on the patient's history and physical examination by the attending physician and referral and consultation by an unassociated physician, the attending physician believes that continuing the pregnancy will constitute a substantial and irreversible impairment of the patient's mental function	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

Occurrence Data